

Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 1-24 have been Canceled. Claims 25-46 are New. Therefore, claims 25-46 are now presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

Halavais in view of Sankaranarayyan

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 and 6-24 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Halavais et al., WO 00/65506 (“Halavais”) in view of Sankaranarayyan et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,799,208 (“Sankaranarayyan”).

First, new Claim 24 recites “receiving information from at least two different remote servers representing different service providers regarding available resource items.” In contrast, Sankaranarayyan at Abstract discloses “a resource manager.” and “one or more resource consumers such as a system component or application.”

In addition, claim 24 recites having “different suppliers.” However, Sankaranarayyan at Abstract discloses “multiple resource providers.” Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that Sankaranarayyan fails to disclose that two or more resource items are from different service providers and different remote servers.

Second, applicants respectfully submit that Sankaranarayyan is in a different field of art, and thus it would not have been obvious to one skilled in the art to combine Sankaranarayyan with Halavais. Sankaranarayyan relates to allocation of system resources within a computer system. See Sankaranarayyan at col. 1, lines 34-42. In contrast, claim 1 relates to making reservations from different suppliers. One of ordinary skill in the art

would not look to Sankaranarayan in connection with claim 1. Therefore, Sankaranarayan is not an appropriate reference against claim 1.

The new claims relate to placing tentative holds and then to placing exclusive reservations or locks on a resource item. The new claims are believed to be allowable over the reference.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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